

## Opening This Week — Aug. 24

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**The Apparition** (PG-13 for terror, frightening images and sensuality) Haunted house horror flick about a young couple (Ashley Greene and Sebastian Stan) who enlist the help of an expert in the supernatural (Tom Felton) to rid their home of a ghost that arrived in the wake of an experiment in parapsychology gone amuck. Cast includes Julianna Guill, Rick Gomez and Anna Clark.

**Hit and Run** (R for sexu-



'Hermano'

ality, violence, drug use, graphic nudity and pervasive profanity) Romantic road comedy about a get-away driver (Dax Shepard)



### KAM'S CAPSULES

Movie Reviews by Kam Williams

in the Witness Protection Program who risks blowing his cover to drive his girlfriend (Kristen Bell) cross-country while being chased by both the Feds and the gang he's scheduled to testify against. Featuring Bradley Cooper, Tom Arnold, David Koechner and Kristin Chenoweth.

**Premium Rush** (PG-13 for violence and profanity) Peripatetic action thriller about a Manhattan bike messenger (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) being chased all over New York City after picking up an envelope at Columbia University containing incriminating evidence about a corrupt cop (Michael Shannon). With Dania Ramirez, Jamie Chung and Aasif Mandvi.

### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Death by China** (Unrated) Outsourcing expose' explaining why America

has been in economic decline since the Peoples' Republic joined the World Trade Organization in 2001 at the behest of Congress and multinational corporations.

**General Education** (PG-13 for sexuality and a drug reference) Teen comedy about a high school senior (Chris Sheffield) who has to hide from his parents (Janeane Garofalo and



'Samsara'

Larry Miller) that he still has to complete a science course over the summer in order to graduate and enter college in the fall on a tennis scholarship. With Bobby Campo, Elaine Hendrix and Maiara Walsh.

**Hermano** (Unrated) Overcoming-the-odds saga about a couple of siblings (Fernando Moreno and Eliu Armas) from the slums of Caracas who make the most of the opportunity of a lifetime when they are offered a

tryout with their hometown's pro soccer team. Featuring Beto Benites, Gonzalo Cubero and Marcela Giron. (In Spanish with subtitles)

**Knight Knight** (Unrated) Medieval comedy about a couple of knights in training (Tom Eykelhof and David Wayman) who embark on a zany adventure in search of cash and comfortable underwear. With Jonathan

Hansler, Christina Bucher and Mingus Johnston.

**Little White Lies** (Unrated) Ensemble dramedy about a Parisian restaurateur (Francois Cluzet) whose annual summer getaway to Bordeaux with his wife (Valerie Bonneton) and friends turns confessional after one of the guests (Jean Dujardin) is left near death by an auto accident. Cast includes Marion Cotillard, Benoit Magimel and Gilles Lellouche. (In French with subtitles)

## Back in Town



Fans are advised to get their tickets ASAP when Esperanza Spaulding returns to her hometown with Divas of Jazz, Aug. 26, at Gerding Theatre, 128 NW Eleventh Ave. Spaulding performs in concert with Linda Hornbuckle, Janice Scroggins, Hailey Niswanger & Thara Memory's AMP Jazz Orchestra. The show is a benefit for the American Music Program and Pacific Crest Sinfonietta. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information go to [www.americanmusicprogram.org](http://www.americanmusicprogram.org).

**Samsara** (PG-13 for sexuality and disturbing images) Non-narrative meditation exploring assorted wonders of the world from the mundane to the miracu-

lous while delving into the unfathomable depths of humanity's spirituality.

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